

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action of the Examiner mailed February 3, 2009. Currently, claims 12, 23, 25, 26, and 28 remain pending. Claim 12 has been allowed and claims 23, 25, 26, and 28 have been rejected. In this amendment, claims 23, 25, 26, and 28 have been canceled without prejudice leaving only allowed claim 12 remaining. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Priority

On page 2 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner asserted that the claims do not receive the priority benefit of provisional application 60/155,611 because the limitation regarding axial and radial alignment is not fully supported by the provisional application. Claim 12 does not include the objected to limitation and, thus, is believed to receive the benefit of provisional application 60/155,611.

Claim Objections

On page 3 of the Final Office Action, claim 25 was objected to as having "an" instead of "a". With this Amendment, claim 25 has been canceled rendering this objection moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

On page 3 of the Final Office Action, claims 23, 25, 26, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. While Applicant must respectfully disagree with this rejection, to further prosecution in this case, Applicant has canceled claims 23, 25, 26, and 28 rendering this rejection moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

On page 4 of the Final Office Action, claims 23, 25, 26, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Von Oepen (U.S. Patent No. 6,048,361) in view of O'Connor (U.S. Patent No. 6,398,792), Solomon (U.S. Patent No. 5,846,204), and Jang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,749,848). While Applicant must respectfully disagree with this rejection, to further prosecution in this case, Applicant has canceled claims 23, 25, 26, and 28 rendering this rejection moot.

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Allowable Subject Matter

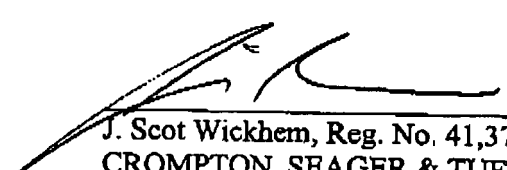
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating on page 6 of the Final Office Action that claim 12 is allowed. As mentioned above, all rejected claims, namely claims 23, 25, 26, and 28, have been canceled without prejudice, leaving only allowed claim 12 pending in this application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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